

**Political Science 142K
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Course Description:

The Purpose of this course is to provide an analytical introduction to the study of the causal origins of war; the paradox of domestic commitment, and the problem of combat compliance. Course grades are based on one take-home mid-term (40%) and one take-home final (60%). Each exam will allow you at least one week to complete (midterm available in week two; final in week four).

Readings:

Weeks 1 – 3:

Fromkin, D. 2004. *Europe's Last Summer: Who Started the Great War in 1914?* Knopf (Entire)
W.T. de Bary, Vol. I, either Confucius or Meng-Zi; Xun-Zi

Weeks 3 – 5:

Kindsvatter, P.S. 2003. *American Soldiers*. Kansas (Entire)